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INDIA.

Miss S. C. Seward, M.D.

Allahabad, December 4, 1874.

. . . On my way to the Hills, I rested one day at Dehra; what a change it was from the Plains, and how good it seemed to see mountains once more! For the first few days after reaching Landour, we had almost constant fogs; they are not a pleasant atmosphere for any one, but to one just from the Plains, it was like changing from a vapor bath to a cold wet sheet. After a week, however, the clouds broke up, the fogs rolled away, and we had blue skies and pure clear sunshine, so that the snowy peaks which before had been completely hidden, came out beautifully.

After being there a few days, I grew much stronger. A friend

lent me a sure-footed little mountain pony, and I used to mount him early in the morning, and climb to some point from which we could obtain good views.

It was always difficult to realize that that long chain of snowy peaks, some half in shadows, others glittering in the morning sunlight, with upon all such an intensity of whiteness, rose from, and had for its foundation, the same globe upon which we were standing. Whether they rested far up against a background of blue sky, or were half enveloped in the soft, fleecy clouds that floated around them, they seemed so far above and beyond the nearer hills (though of these some were ten thousand feet high), that we could scarcely realize them to be of the "earth, earthy."

At sunset, the entire range was often hidden by the clouds which through the day had gathered about them, but sometimes through these, the higher peaks would penetrate, and catching the sunset colors, glow for a time like golden mountains, then change to scarlet, crimson and purple, or fade to a cold gray and white, and stand out, ghost-like, against the evening sky.

I think only those who go to the Hills after years of exhausting toil in the Plains, can appreciate how great a blessing they are to India. Malaria, heat and fever attack us so insidiously and often work their ills so slowly and imperceptibly, that we cannot for some time realize how surely health and strength are leaving us. We know that the low fever leaves us weary and exhausted, with aching limbs and nauseous loathing for food, but because it is of brief duration, and not severe in type. we think it cannot do much harm.

We find, after a time, that quinine, with other tonics and stimulants, loses its potency, that in the most debilitating rainy season, other diseases often attack, and further shock our wasting frames; at such times, were it not for these mountain homes, I fear very many of us must soon leave India, or lie beneath its sod.

I enjoyed my three weeks exceedingly, and yet I should be sorry to be obliged to spend a much longer time there. It is good to rest and recruit there for a little time, but there is no chance (or almost none) for mission work there. Some time, when need-

ing a change, I want to go in the interior, if possible, to the source of the Ganges, up among the glaciers. Government has made, recently, a good path all the way, and I am told, that for a good pedestrian, the tramp is quite a possible one, only very fatiguing. Camp life is one of our pleasantest experiences in India, and among the Himalayas must be doubly fascinating. I cannot imagine anything better calculated to restore vigor and tone to both mind and body than such a trip, besides the joy it must be to come in near contact with nature in her grandest moods and sublimest forms.

On the way home, I spent a short time with friends in Cawnpore. They took me to all the points connected with the mutiny, yet, familiar as I was with the sad story, it was difficult to realize that those beautiful gardens, kept with such care and skill, had ever been the scene of such a fearful tragedy. Even when we read the inscription upon the tomb, "Sacred to the perpetual memory of the Great Company," who rest so quietly beneath the spot over which the marble angel keeps perpetual watch—living as we do now in such a feeling of security—it was hard to bring the stern realities of those fearful scenes before us, even in imagination.

While at the Hills, I often felt troubled lest when I returned I should have difficulty in building up my work, but I soon found, on my return, that this was a "borrowed" and not a real trouble. On the contrary, I found it waiting for me, and I felt very glad and thankful to be able to perform it. It was pleasant to find, that many were watching for my return, and to receive their kind greetings and earnest inquiries, if I were "quite well and strong again." Our weather now is delightful, the mornings just cool enough to be bracing. I do much of my early morning work in the saddle, and keenly enjoy a quick canter in the fresh, pure air. But often, as I enter some of the dark, close, and illy-ventilated rooms, where sick women are forced to remain, the contrast with these to the pure fresh air outside is most painful. One morning, a short time since, I went to see a woman very sick with fever; as they opened the door to her room, the air from within

sickened me. I could remain in it only a few minutes, and when I came out, tried by a quick gallop to get the taste of that air out of my mouth. I tried on reaching home to eat some breakfast, but food only nauseated, and I soon felt so sick that I was forced to give up and go to bed. I was much better in a day or two, but it was some days before I was quite over it.

I think one of the saddest and yet at the same time half-amusing experiences in this way, that I ever had, was about a year since. I had been sent for in haste to a Hindu house quite near here. It was nearly dark, and after I had groped through the front passages, a curtain was held up, and a door pushed open for me to pass in to where the sick woman lay. Here the only light was from a small wick steeped in oil. While by this dim, uncertain light, I was trying to take in the situation of things, a cow bellowed and rushed at me; fortunately she was tied and could not quite reach me, but I made a hasty retreat, and informed the men in the outer court, that the cow must come out before I would venture in again I supposed some one would go at once and bring her out, but no, that would injure their caste; so I had to wait nearly fifteen minutes until a *gwalior* could come. The animal was very reluctant to leave, and after they had tied her to a tree opposite, tried hard to break loose and get back. Taking care to shut the low door behind me, I went in. The sick woman was lying on the ground. The room was, perhaps, ten feet square, not an opening in it, save the one by which I had entered. Seeing a low bedstead, I turned to put my bag upon it, and just then, something wrapped up in an old quilt moved, and a calf's head emerged. Then the noisy demonstrations of the mother cow were explained. I made another journey to the front court and called the *gwalior* to carry out the calf. How highly must woman's health and life be prized in a country where they let the sick woman lie upon the ground, and put the calf upon the bed! These people were not of the poorer class, but well to do, and of one of the higher castes.

For a long time it was really a trial to sit down and remain in one of these wretched places. I used often to wish that those at

home, who like to hear of the "romance" of mission work, could see what opposite experiences zenana workers, and especially those engaged in medical work, must undergo. While at the Hills, a lady who has always been engaged in mission schools, said to me, "*I* have as yet seen nothing of self-denial nor anything disagreeable in mission work." Another who had considerable experience in zenana work, and knew something from personal observation of medical work, said, "I think if you took up zenana work, or would go with Miss Seward a few times, you would, perhaps, change your mind." And I fancy this is often the way with many more. We give our limited experience and form upon it judgments with regard to others in very different circumstances, forgetting entirely that "circumstances alter cases." But I think I have quite, or very nearly, gotten over this feeling of repugnance, and am very sure that my happiest hours are those spent in this work. It is just three years since I reached India, and I feel that they have been only years of discipline and preparation. The one chief thought of regret is, that the preparation has not been more earnest and thorough, with a deeper and more entire consecration.

We are very busy now arranging, or rather rearranging our schools. Miss Wilson reopened one in the spring that Mrs. Walsh had first started, but it was afterwards given up.

After a good deal of trouble, we have started one for the native Christian girls on the place. Now we are just starting one for Mussulman girls. One cannot imagine, without trying this part of mission work, how much patient and persevering labor it involves. Indeed, I think few at home have any conception of the trials and discouragements we must overcome, or the amount of tact and judgment needed, if we do any real work. I think it is the general opinion at home that any one of very average abilities can make a tolerably successful missionary. This may be, in a measure, true, where those abilities are guided and directed by an earnest devotion, but I feel it each day more, and the better I come to know the people, the more do I realize it, that in the acquisition of the languages, in studying the people and their institutions, and in our dealings with them in the various

labors that crowd upon us, we must strain every nerve, and will find fullest use for all the talents that those most gifted or richly endowed among us may possess.

AN INDIAN TROWEL.

AN INCIDENT IN MISSIONARY HISTORY.

Mr. George H. Stuart of this city has just presented to our Society a beautiful little trowel, received by him some years since from a missionary in India. It is made of silver, after the pattern of the ordinary tool used in that country, but with a handle of a somewhat different shape, more ornamental, and handsomely embossed with gold.

This little implement, made for the special purpose by a native workman, was used by her Highness the Ráni of Kapúrthala in laying the foundation block of the first Christian church ever built in India by a native prince of that country.

This lady is a Eurasian by birth. Her father, a European, and her mother, a native of Cashmere, were united in marriage by the Rev. T. Rodgers, formerly at Lodiana. She was born in the Punjab, and received her education in the Agra Girls' High School, in connection with the Presbyterian Board, and at that time under the charge of the late Rev. R. S. Fullerton and Mrs. Fullerton. Before leaving the institution she made a profession of her faith in Christ, and was admitted to the communion of the church by Mr. Fullerton. In 1859 she was married to His Highness the Rajah of Kapúrthala, and soon after was instrumental in inducing her husband to establish a branch of the Presbyterian Mission at his capital.

The foundation of the church was laid in 1861, but circumstances afterwards occurred which prevented its completion till after the decease of the Rajah. It was, however, finished by his son and successor, and now stands on the mission premises opposite the Rajah's country palace, one of the most beautiful structures of the kind in the whole country. A younger brother of the reigning Rajah was admitted to membership in the Christian

church, on the 1st day of February, of last year. A number of other converts were baptized about the same time and subsequently, and we trust the day is not far distant when that beautiful edifice will be filled with true Christian worshippers.

The lady herself, now a widow, is residing in England, superintending the education of her two daughters, both baptized members of the church. These young princesses with their mother may yet do valuable service in the cause of Christ in their native Punjab. And what may not result from the future of the young prince, the second convert of his rank in India?

The historian of a future day, in writing the history of Indian Christianity, may be able to trace great events back to the Christian instruction received by that little girl in the Agra High School.

Our Woodstock school is doing just the same kind of work at Landour that the "High School" formerly did at Agra, and doubtless many of the future mothers of our Indian Israel will leave that institution imbued with the same earnest desire to extend the blessings of the gospel to their benighted countrymen, that distinguished the lady of whom we write, during the first years of her career as the Ráni of Kapúrthala.

The little trowel is the nucleus of a collection of curiosities from mission lands, which we hope to gather from time to time. If any of our friends desire to aid us in making this collection, or in furnishing a cabinet to put it in, their donations will be truly appreciated by the Society.

WISCONSIN.

Miss S. Verbeck.

Odanah, Ashland County.

I will delay no longer to acknowledge the welcome box and to express my sincere thanks to all the kind Christian friends, who have not only gladdened the hearts of missionaries and scholars with so many appropriate articles, but who have also lessened to a great extent the labor of my needle. As I am held responsible for every stitch of household and scholars' wear, I, especially, feel

indebted to my unknown friends. If the kind donors knew how cheering it is to the missionary to receive the tokens of Christian love and co-operation, they then would recognize fully how much more blessed it is to give than to receive; and yet I ask still more. My dear friends, remember those who are in darkness of unbelief, and those who have come to bring them to the light of truth. It is God alone who can open the hearts and understanding of this people, and it is He alone who can show us how we may lead them to seek an interest in Him who has died to save their souls. Oh, then for the prayers of every Christian!

At the 1st of November the first contract term of three years with the parents of our scholars was ended, and four of our pupils left us, while two requested to remain. Three years of toil and labor have materially attached us to them; two of them were brought into the fold of our loving Shepherd, and have gone out from us, among their own people, where we trust, their light may shine as the city set upon a hill. The other two were sons of Roman Catholic parents who have been watching us, lest the gospel light should illuminate the popish darkness of their young hearts; but bread cast upon the waters, we will find "after many days." At our last communion season five of our scholars came out on the Lord's side, and made a profession of their faith in Jesus. They are not only young in years, but also young and feeble in Christian life, yet, we know that to each of them is the promise: "He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone."

We are surrounded by snow and ice, which makes us feel more than ever like being cut off from the civilized world, still we all enjoy good health and untold blessings.

JAPAN.

Mrs. Dr. Hepburn.

Yokohama, December 4, 1874.

It will soon be a year since I started my school. The beginning was small and unpromising. Dr. Hepburn did not encourage

me much, for he thought I was undertaking more than I had strength for. I designed having only girls, but consented to take a few boys, and a class of young men while the numbers were small. It soon grew to such a size that I could not stand the fatigue, and Messrs. Loomis and Green of our Mission, kindly took the class of young men. Still I had forty scholars and no assistant. I started a Sabbath-school at the same time I started the day-school. This has grown into a regular church service in the morning, and we have the Sabbath-school in the afternoon. The Bible-class of young men is very large. Several of my pupils are, I hope, sincere Christians. The two eldest girls have united with the church. They are a great comfort to me, and to Mrs. Loomis in the work she has undertaken among the women. I had a month's vacation in September, and opened the school again the first of October. I have now fifty pupils, boys and girls, and a very good assistant, a Japanese, a former pupil. He relieves me of much of the drudgery of teaching the younger pupils. The school is always opened with reading a portion of Scripture by the scholars, then singing and prayer. Most of the children have learned nearly all the Child's Catechism, and some of the older scholars are learning the Shorter Catechism, which Dr. Hepburn is translating into Japanese for me. Mrs. Loomis comes into the school every Wednesday morning for half an hour to play the organ and sing with the scholars, then my twelve girls go to her every Friday morning, for a couple of hours, and she teaches them to sing, and gives them a lesson from "Peep of Day."

Other missions and missionaries are busily engaged, and there is more than work enough for all. The friends of missions at home have every thing to encourage them to effort and prayer. I wish our beloved church would arouse herself and furnish men and means for us. We have been here over fifteen years, and in all that time she has not averaged more than one missionary in two years. Other societies, who entered the field long after us, are far stronger than we.

CHINA.

Miss H. J. Shaw.

Canton, Sept. 23, 1874.

. . . I only wish and pray that more ladies were here to join us in our work, for much of the field lies uncultivated for want of workers. Our mission has seven day schools for girls. These schools are all in the western suburbs of Canton. We rent a common Chinese dwelling and employ a native female teacher, and we superintend the school. The girls study their own classics and our Christian books, learn to write and to do Chinese embroidery. The first Christian book studied is called "The Three Character Book," so named from the characters being grouped in threes. It contains a brief statement of the truths taught in the Bible. This book is committed to memory by the girls, then reviewed; after which they study the "Fourth Character," a more advanced book with the characters grouped in fours; when this is reviewed, they learn the Gospels in the same way. We visit these schools twice a week and hear the lessons, look at the writing and embroidery, then assemble the girls and any women who may come to the school to hear the gospel, in a room for the purpose. We sing with the girls, then instruct them and the women in the way of eternal life. However, by having seven meetings twice a week, we are able to tell "the old, old story" to a great many. Besides these day schools, we have a boarding school for girls, and a training school for women; there are twenty girls and ten women. This school is under the care of Miss Hattie Noyes and we hope will be a great blessing to the Chinese women. Miss L. B. Happer and I visit from house to house. We never go out before eleven, for the Chinese do not have their breakfast before that time and are not ready to receive us earlier. After the usual salutation and drinking tea, we tell them our object in coming, and begin the "sweet, sad story of the Cross." When they are weary of our talking, we sing a hymn. "Jesus loves me, this I know," is a great favorite, because they

can catch the words as we sing them, and we often hear them repeated as we pass along the streets. One house is often occupied by three or four families, the women from these different families as well as those from the adjoining houses hearing that we have come, gather into the room where we are, so that often we have an audience of from ten to twenty women, and often many children. We think this field very promising; many who do not know the importance of the meetings in the schools, are thus reached in their homes. Here we have an opportunity of becoming personally acquainted with them; we see them at their work, talk to them of their difficult trials in life, learn their sorrows and show them the only true source of comfort. We are their guests for the time, and they are polite to us and give us an opportunity of being polite to them. They notice any conformity to their customs and are pleased with it. This personal intercourse gives us influence with them, and enables us to bring the gospel to them in a favorable manner. They know nothing of the spiritual blessings in the gospel, and it is not strange, if at first, they desire only temporal blessings. The results of these visits, as yet, in bringing persons into the church are not large, but we are sowing the seed,—"the harvest is sure."

Three have been baptized; one of these, a young girl nineteen years of age, died a happy death, after giving evidence of a true Christian life. Another of these is an old woman, who cannot live long, and rejoices in the hope of one day seeing Jesus. She seems to long to be in that holy, happy place of which we tell her. We enjoy this labor for the Master very much and long for the outpouring of God's Spirit on this branch of our labor. Your Society will do a good work, if by your earnest and believing prayers you call down such a blessing upon these dark homes. We also desire your earnest prayers for us that we may have health and strength to continue this precious work for Jesus.

Miss Fisk of Persia said: "I would be willing to go to the ends of the earth if I could save *one* soul."

At Home.

NO INTEREST.

By H. M. E.

No interest in what? In work for Christ, for that Master whom we have promised to serve; in the progress of the great conflict which is going on between the powers of light and darkness. Against whom can this charge be brought? Is it true of you? of me? Let us ask ourselves, "Lord, is it I that am cold in Thy love and service?" Alas, that it should be true of any! It grieves Christ's heart and hinders His work.

And yet *it must be true*, or else why are so many content to remain in ignorance of what is done in heathen lands? Multitudes of Christians do not read, do not inquire, do not care to know. They have no time to read the missionary publications. They have a vague, undefined idea of mission work, and are content to have it so. Would this be true if the heart were interested?

It is true, for how many obstacles must be overcome to form missionary societies or bands! How great is the difficulty in keeping them alive after they have been formed! How often their zeal needs to be stirred up lest it die! *It is true*, or it would not be so hard to raise the money needed. How many calls must be made! How many appeals! How often must the collectors go for the small amount pledged! *It is true*, or such excuses would not be heard for not giving. "Home work needs all." (Does home work get it from the one who makes this plea?) "There are so many calls." "The money is not expended wisely." "This or that teacher who went out only stayed a short time." "I do not believe Christ will let the heathen perish."

It cannot but be true, else why must such ways and means be used to open the purses and get the gold and silver which belong to

the Lord? How is ingenuity taxed to get up fairs, tableaux, entertainments! How many articles must be written and speeches made! If there were warm love in the heart, would not gifts flow freely into the treasury of the Lord?

It is too true, for see how few attend the monthly meetings for prayer! How often one hears, "We will give you something, but do not ask us to attend the meetings, we have no time."

Alas! *it is true*, for while from all shores and isles the cry comes, "More laborers for white harvest fields," so few respond, "Here am I, send me!"

Interest is wanting because the motive power is wanting—warm love to Christ. Let there be love in the heart and the lips will be open to speak for Christ and to pray; the purse will be open, the feet will gladly run where duty points, and this not impulsively, transiently, but abidingly

Think not that your interest is not needed. It *is* needed. Not one worker can be spared. You cannot be. Oh, how unevenly the balances hang between what ought to be done, and what is done in the missionary work!

Awake! Arouse thyself! Come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty! Ask, "Lord what wilt Thou have me to do?"

"Is not God's oath upon your head,
Ne'er to sink back on slothful bed?
Never again your loins to untie,
Nor let your torches waste and die,
Till when the shadows thickest fall
Ye hear your Master's midnight call?"

Miss Everett, of Beirût Seminary, Syria, wrote recently to an old friend, after receiving a packet of home letters: "If you, or any one else among my old friends, ever get at all troubled in spirit because you have no missionary work to do, just sit down and write a letter to me, and to every other friend or acquaintance you have on foreign missionary soil. This is my advice to every friend who really loves the mission cause."

THE OTHER MAN.

BY MARGARET J. PRESTON.

The storm had spent its rage: The sea
  Still moaned with sullen roar,
And flung its surges wrathfully
  Against the shelving shore;
    And wide and far,
    With plank and spar
  The beach was splintered o'er.

A league from land a wreck was seen,
  Above whose wave-washed hull,
Fast-wedged the jutting rocks between,
  Circled a snow-white gull,
    Whose shrieking cry
    Rose clear and high
  Above the tempest's lull.

"Hoy!—To the rescue!—Launch the boat!
  I see a drifting speck:
Some struggler may be still afloat,—
  Some sailor on the deck:
    Quick! ply the oar,—
    Put from the shore,
  And board the foundered wreck!"

Right through the churning plunge of spray,
  Whirled like an ocean shell,
The hardy life-boat warped its way,
  As billows rose and fell;
    And boldly cast
    Its grapnel fast
  Above the reefy swell.

Around the bows the breakers sobbed
  With low, defiant moan;
When instant, every bosom throbbed,
  Held by one sound alone;
    Somewhere—somewhere—
    Upon the air
  There thrilled a human groan.

One moment—and they clomb the wreck,
And there, a ghastly form
Lay huddled on the heaving deck,
With living breath still warm,—
Too dead to hear
The shout of cheer
That mocked the dying storm.

But as they lowered him from the ship
With kindly care as can
Befit rough hands, across his lip
A whispered ripple ran :
They stooped and heard
The slow-drawn word
Breathed,—"*Save—the—other—man!*"

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O ye who once on gulfing waves
Of sin were tempest-tost,—
Ye who are safe through Him who saves
At such transcendent cost,—
Will ye who yet
Can rescue, let
The other man be lost?

LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA.

"BE IT UNTO THEE EVEN AS THOU WILT."

The poor woman to whom our Lord addressed these words, went alone to ery to Him. She had no friends to intereede for her and her suffering daughter. His diseiples, instead of joining their prayers to hers, prayed Him to send her away. But He paid no heed to them, and said to her, "O woman, great is thy faith : be it unto thee even as thou wilt."

Then faint not, fellow laborer in Christ's vineyard! You may be far from Christian sympathy. Friends at home may, through earelessness and worldliness, forget to pray for you. They may even so withhold their support as, virtually, to say, like the disciples of old, "Send her away for she erieth after us." But remember the Master of the vineyard has sent you into His vineyard

to till and keep some portion of it. He will not leave you to work alone. He will surely hear your petitions. Say not "My prayers are weak and worthless." What prayer is weak when our great Mediator presents it at His Father's throne? To feel otherwise is to trust to the prayers of friends, and not to trust Christ. His promises are positive and personal. To each one who cries in His name, with faith in His word and power, He says, "Great is thy faith: be it unto *thee* even as *thou* wilt!"

ORANGE, N. J.

MR. and MRS. JOSEPH. H. READING, of Frenchtown, N. J., sailed for Africa in April, as missionaries of our Presbyterian Board, having been under appointment for some time. Mrs. Reading goes under the care of our Society, and we ask for her the earnest prayers of our fellow-workers, that she may be, from the beginning, fully furnished for her work in the dark land to which she has gone.

To the members of our bands, or others, who expect to prepare a box of little articles for presents to the girls of our mission schools, we would state that just such a box will be needed for next Christmas at the Sidon Seminary; also one for the schools under Miss Wilson of Allahabad, India, and others for those at other stations.

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San Francisco, Howard St. Ch.
Scranton, Pa., Second Ch.
Swissvale, Pa.

BANDS.

Beatty, Pa., Unity Girls' Mission Band.
Caledonia, N. Y., Shepherd's Lambs.
Malone, N. Y., Young Ladies' Benevolent Society.
Three Bridges, N. J., Bethesda Band.

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Receipts of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, from March 1, 1875.

SPECIFIC APPROPRIATIONS.

Abington, Pa., Aux., sup. Miss Verbeck, Odanah,	$256 00
Ardmore, Pa., "a subscriber to Woman's Work," for Rio Claro Mission, Brazil,	1 00
Belvidere, N. J., 1st Pres. Ch., "Pioneer" Band, for Miss Nassau's work, Africa,	27 00
Bethlehem, N. J., Pres. Ch., for Syrian Mission,	2 00
Brady's Bend, Pa., Aux., sup. 2 scholarships, Petchaburi, Siam,	90 00
Bridgeton, N. J., Aux., sup. Mrs. Wilder,	450 00
Brookville, Pa., 1st Pres. Ch. Aux., sup. village school, Abeih, Syria,	$100 00
Burlington, Iowa, Mrs. L. H. Bascom, for Benita,	5 00
Burlington, N. J., 1st Pr Ch. Aux., sup. "Lily Bee, Dehra school, $40; New Canton School Building, $104,	144 00
Cambridge, Pa., Aux., New Canton School Building,	72 07
Central City, Colorado, Phebe Tracy, for Laos Bible, $5; Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Gage, for Laos Bible, $10,	15 00

Chandlersville, O., Aux., for Mrs. Shaw, Tungchow, *special*, ... $16 00

Chicago, Ill., Mrs. E. J. N. Hair and Mrs. E. S. Hair, New Canton School Building, each $1, . . . 2 00

Clarion, Pa., Aux., sup. school under Misses Dascomb and Kuhl, Rio Claro, . . 50 00

Claysville, Pa., Pres. Ch. Aux., sup. Mrs. Shaw, Tungchow, 70 00

Cleveland, O., Memorial S. S., for school furniture, Ghurzooz. *special* (*gold*), . . 10 00

Cleveland, O., Presbl. W. F. M. S., sup. Miss Dascomb, Brazil—Ashtabula, $10; Cleveland, Euclid St. Ch., $63; 1st Ch., $203 61; 2d Ch., $2; North Ch., and "Youthful Helpers" Band, $8 02; Woodland Av. Ch., $44 ($320 63); Collamer, $9 50; Hudson, $3 35; Kingsville, $4 50; Newburgh, Mrs. Curtis, $5; Orwell, Mrs. Lamb, $5; Stringsville, $22 25; Rome, $4 ($384 23); Cleveland, 2d Pres. Ch. Aux., sup. Miss Scilers, China, $219 60, 603 83

Clinton, N. J., Aux., sup. Bible reader, . . . 25 00

Clintonville, Pa., Pres. Ch. Aux., New Canton School Building, ... 13 00

Congress, O., Ch. Aux., sup. scholarship Mrs. Wilder's school, Kolapoor, . . 30 00

Dansville, N. Y., Aux., sup. Mrs. Labaree, . . . 200 00

Dayton, Pa., Glade Run Band, New Canton School Building, ... 23 16

Deckertown, N. J., Aux., for Woodstock, . . . 30 00

Deerfield, N. J., Pres. Ch., "Elfe" Band, towards debt of Board, ... 15 00

Dresden, O., Aux., New Canton School Building, $24; "Mercy Drops" Band, sup. scholarship, Beirût Seminary, $60, ... 84 00

Elizabeth, N. J., Aux., sup. Mrs. Hutchinson, Mexico, $241 09; Mrs. Mahlon Mulford, do., $25; a friend, do., $25; a member of the church, do., $25; 1st Pres. Ch., "Mary Morrison" Band, sup. Mrs. Morrison's school, Ningpo, $75; Westminster Pres. Ch., Sab. Sch., for scholarship Mrs. Morrison's school, $50; for scholarship Mrs. Eddy's school, Sidon, $50; a family, for scholarships Mrs. Wilder's school, Kolapoor, $30, . $521 09

Ellicott City, Md., Aux., sup. Mrs. Nevius' school, Chefoo, 30 00

Fairview, Pa., Aux., Rev. D. N. Lyons, native teacher Yu, at Bin Yao, Hangchow, for enlarging his chapel, *special*, ... 13 65

Fogg's Manor, Pa., Pres. Ch. Sab. Sch., sup. school under Mrs. C. B. Newton, India, . 50 00

Fulton, N. Y., "A friend," for Laos Bible, ... 3 80

Geneseo, N. Y., Central Ch. Aux., sup. scholarship Miss Allen's school, Mexico, . 51 80

Gravel Run, Pa., Aux., New Canton School Building, . 23 25

Hayesville, O., Aux., sup. Mrs. Phillips, Mexico, . . 20 00

Holmanville, N. J., Aux., for Mrs. Nevius' industrial school, ... 20 00

Honesdale, Pa., Anx., sup. scholar, Beirût Seminary, $100, sup. scholar Mrs. Whipple's school, Oroomiah, $30, for Rio Claro Mission, $80, and for San Paulo, $64, ... 274 00

Huntingdon, Pa., Aux., outfit Miss Harshborger, . . 75 00

Huntington, L. I., 2d Pres. Ch. Aux., New Canton School Building, . . 50 00

Jamesburg, N. J., Aux., $50; S. S. Band, sup. J. D. Buckalew and M. H. Courter, scholarships, Mynpurie, $60, 110 00

Jeffersonville, Pa., Aux., sup. girl Dehra school, . . 57 50

Jersey City, Presbyl. W. F. M. S.: Hoboken, 1st Pres. Ch. Aux., sup. teacher Sidon school, $88 25; Jersey City 2d Pres. Ch., for Mexican Building Fund, $54; Tenafly Pres. Ch. Aux., sup. Sophia Baharsa, Dehra school, $38, . . . 180 25

Kingston, Pa., Aux., sup. school, Syria, . . . $20 00
Lawrenceville, N. J., Pres. Ch., "Gosman" Band, sup. girl Miss Nassau's school, Benita, ... 20 00
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Linton, O., Pres. Ch. ladies, New Canton School Building, ... 12 50
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Northumberland, Pa., Mrs. E. Forsyth, for Gaboon and Corisco Mission, . . 5 00
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Oneida, N. Y., Aux., for Woodstock, ... 53 00
Orango, N. J., Central Pres. Ch. Aux., sup. Mrs. McGilvary, including premium on gold, $157; A Member of the Church, for Laos Bible, $10; do. for do., $5 ($172); 1st Pres. Ch. Aux., New Canton School Building, $100; 2d Pres. Ch. Aux., sup. Mrs. Capp, $116, . 388 00
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Paradise, Pa., Pres. Ch. S. S., New Canton School Building, ... 27 00
Passaic, N. J., Pres. Ch. Aux., object to be designated hereafter, ... 30 00
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Phelps, N. Y., Aux., sup. native teacher, Mynpurie, . 56 00
Philadelphia, Cohocksink Pres. Ch. Aux., sup. Mrs. Calderwood, $118; 1st Pres. Ch. Aux., sup. Miss Noyes, $450; New Canton School Building, $30; "E. C. W." object to be designated hereafter, $100 ($580); 1st Ref. Pres. Ch. "Woodside" Aux., sup. Rachal Nathaniel, orphan, Dehra school, $60; Green Hill Pres. Ch. Aux., sup. Miss Lydia Walker, $137; Spring Garden Pres. Ch., "Cunningham" Band, sup. Lizpa, scholar, Mynpurie, $30; "McDowell" Aux., New Canton School Building, $75 ($105); Tabernacle Pres. Ch. Aux., sup. Mrs. Morrison, China, $316 66; Walnut street Pres. Ch., sup. Miss Jackson, Syria, $400; West Spruce st. Pres. Ch., "Band of Love," sup. Basanti, Miss Walsh's school, $25; Woodland Pres. Ch., "Coral Workers" Band, sup. girl, Sidon Sem., $35, . . 1,776 66
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Saltshurg, Pa., Aux., sup. Miss Kato McFarren, Bogota, $60; "Nancy Rhea" Baud, sup. scholar, Mrs. Bushnell's school, Gaboon, $20, ... 80 00

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Springfield, O., Aux., sup. scholarship, Ningpo, . . 40 00

Srader Grove, Pa., Ch. Aux., for Mrs. McFarland's work, 13 88

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Tarentum, Pa., "Band of Pearls," sup. scholarship Mynpurie, ... 10 00

Titusville, Pa., Aux., sup. Mrs. Wyckoff, . . . 77 28

Towanda, Pa., Aux., sup. Mrs. De Heer, Africa, $150; "Cash," sup. Mrs. De Heer's assistant, Africa, $25, . $175 00

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Abington, Pa., Grace Chapel, box of clothing to Odanah Mission, valued at $50.

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New Castle, Pa., 1st Pres. Ch. Aux.,	75 00
New Market, E. Tenn., Aux.	25 00
Nineveh, N. Y., Aux.,	39 00
Onberg, Pa., Rayne Ch. Aux.	8 00
Ossian, N. Y., Pres. Ch. Aux.	30 00
Pana, Ill., Aux.,	16 00
Perrysville, Pa, Aux.,	38 87
Phelps, N. Y., Mrs. George Hubbell,	4 40
Philadelphia, Mrs. Wm. Milliken,	5 00
Pittsburgh and Allegheny Committee: Beaver Aux., $34; Jenning's Aux., $6 55; Powhatan, O., 40 cts.; Tarentum Aux., $35 65,	76 60
Port Penn, Del., Aux.,	45 00
Ripley, O., Mrs. John M. Hopkins,	5 00
Roselle, N. J., Aux.,	75 00
Salem, N. J., Aux., $40; "Young Reapers" Band, $10,	50 00
Springfield, O., Aux.,	60 00
Steubenville, O., Old Pres. Ch. Aux.,	15 00
Tenafly, N. J., Pres. Ch. Aux.	20 00
Trenton, O., Aux.,	25 00
Uniontown, O., Aux.,	2 00
Warrior's Mark, Pa., Mission Band,	10 00
Washington, O., Aux.,	9 14
Washingtonville, N. Y., 1st Pres. Ch. Aux.,	5 00
Wayne, O., Aux.,	24 00
Williamsburg, Pa., Pres. Ch. Aux., $45 05; Miss. Band, $17 95,	63 00
	$2,337 96
Total Receipts, March, 1875,	$12,449 00
Previously acknowledged,	40,232 56
Balance May 1, 1874,	65 20
Aggregate from May 1, 1874, to April, 1 1875,	$52,746 76

PHILADELPHIA, April 1, 1875.

MRS. J. D. MCCORD, *Treasurer*,
1334 Chestnut Street.

Our Little Workers.

AN ARAB WOMAN.

DEAR CHILDREN:—Look at this picture! Did you ever see a woman like this? I do not think you ever did. Can you guess to what nation she belongs? Is she American, or English, or French, or German? No! Then who is she? Where does she live? I shall have to tell you. She is an Arab. She lives in Syria, a country far off, seven thousand miles away. I have seen a great many such women, so I can tell you something about her.

You see she has no shoes on her feet. I doubt if she ever had any. She has no bonnet on her head. In place of it she wears a

veil of thin cotton, confined by a band around her forehead. Her dress is of very close cloth, dyed blue, not made like our dresses, but more like a night-gown, girded round the waist. This dress she has not taken off since she put it on the first time, not even at night, and she will not change it until it is worn out and a new one has to be bought to take its place.

She does not live in any house, but in a tent made of goat's hair. She has probably never slept under a roof in her life, and would be afraid to do so for fear it might fall on her. Her tent has no parlor, dining-room, bed-room and kitchen. One apartment is all that she and her family need. She has no bedstead, but sleeps on a mat of reeds upon the ground. She has no costly furniture. One or two earthen vessels constitute all her cooking utensils. Her food is simple: bread, or cracked wheat, boiled; goat's milk and cheese made from this milk; pottage, such as Esau sold his birthright for, made of lentiles and olives and wild herbs.

She was up early this morning, and went out into the rocky ravines and gathered this brushwood which she is now going to the city to sell. How much do you think she will get for it? A piastre and a half, that is, six cents; not more. Poor pay for all her labor and the long distance she must travel in going and returning. To-morrow, she may come in with another load, and gain another six cents.

Do you not think she looks sad? Do not turn away from this picture, and say you do not like to look at her. She is not pretty, it is true. Once she was a little girl like you, but no kind mother taught her. She never went to Sunday-school, where her kind teacher told her of Jesus' love. She cannot read. I do not know that she ever saw a book. Certainly she never had one in her hands. She has not been accustomed to hear kind words spoken to her. She never had presents of playthings given her on Christmas, or New Year's, or any other day.

She can make bread, bake it, milk the goats, and churn the milk by putting it into a goatskin bottle and swinging it backwards and forwards between two stakes to which it is suspended.

But she has a soul, an immortal soul, that will never die. Shall

we leave her to perish in ignorance? Who has made you to differ from her? When I was a very little girl, my mother taught me

"I thank the goodness and the grace
Which on my birth have smiled,
And made me in this happy place
A highly favored child."

Now if you were in her place and she in yours, what would you want her to do for you? Think! She may have left little children at home. Shall these grow up and know nothing about God and heaven? What will you do for her and for them? You, Mary? and you, Carrie? and you, Anna? Do you not hear the blessed Saviour say, "I died for her as well as for you?" Send, oh, send her the Bible! Send some one to teach her. Give your pennies and your dimes for this purpose, that they may know of Jesus and the way to heaven, before it is too late.

H. M. E.

A LETTER FROM AMONG THE INDIANS.

Dear Little Friends of the Home Circle:—Let one of the workers at Odanah Mission tell you how thankfully your remembrances in the Christmas box were received.

The night Miss Phillips received them, I wish you could have looked in the window and seen us seated on the floor admiring your handiwork. I almost wished I was a mission girl, and could have one of the dear little dolls. It is not many years since I dressed dolls for myself, and must own that I enjoy it even now. The girls think a great deal of their "little daughters," as they call them. We had a nice-looking tree, and enjoyed Christmas very much. Could you have seen the delight of the little boys, when they opened the bags of marbles, I am sure it would have pleased you.

New Year's morning we held prayer meeting and when the old Nokos with the little shawls came in looking very comfortable, I was thankful for the "Little Home Circle."

That we may all seek to live and to do more and more for the One who done so much for us, is the prayer of your friend,

Lydia B. Walker.

W. P. B. M.

Northwestern Department.

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WISCONSIN.

MISS DOUGHERTY.

ODANAH, February 26, 1875.

. . . OUR work goes on in a very quiet way, yet we feel that it is led by God. Owing to the expiration of the treaties, the Government has not given the Indians any work on the reservation, and most of the people have been obliged to go away from home in search of employment, or means of subsistence. They have mostly depended upon fishing and trapping; and apart from their being absent from the Mission influences, they are doing very well. We feared there would be much suffering, but they have not suffered nearly as much as during some previous years, when they trusted to the tender mercies of the Government, and there have been fewer beggars calling upon the Mission. Though so scattered, we know that God has been among them, stirring them to thoughts and desires after better things than those of the evil spirit they formerly worshipped.

At our last communion, the week after the holidays, eight young men, all from the most bigoted heathen families, placed themselves on the Lord's side, and seem really in earnest in their professions. Others are almost ready, and some quite decided to take the same step. . . . The heathen party are much stirred up, and though they feel that the Grand Metawa must be eventually given up, the leading men now keep aloof, as though fearful of the influences. . . .

You speak of your interest in the work of the Government for the women. It is now given up, having proven both a failure and a success. The first from the fact that the bark work did not prove as satisfactory as was hoped, on account of warping, and the cost of importing material for the weaving is too great to make it an object to continue. No sheep are kept here. . . . We all think it will be better for the Indians to be left somewhat to their own resources. They have been dependant upon their annuities so long—even though a mere pittance—that they find it rather hard not to look forward to spending it, sometimes three or four times over in advance. . . .

Our school has been reduced in number to twenty, by the ones whose time expired last fall, leaving; and owing to the low state of the treasury, no new ones have been taken in to fill up the places. I do not know how it will be in the spring.

CHINA.

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF REV. D. C. McCOY, TO W. M. S. OF KOSSUTH, IOWA.

I WRITE you to-night to enclose a letter from Lien Feng, which he sends to the ladies of your Society. . . . I hope it may serve to interest you all still more deeply in the Redeemer's cause in this land over which so dense a darkness has long brooded. Lien Feng speaks of his ill health. I am myself quite anxious about him, lest sooner or later he may fall a victim to consumption. His cough has continued now for many months, as he writes. However, he is still able to keep at his studies, and is making very encouraging progress. It is our prayer that God may spare him and give him a great work to accomplish here, in the building up of His kingdom among these dying millions. But Lien Feng is prepared to die; and if it be God's will to cut him down just as we are marking out for him a bright career of usefulness here, why still must we say, He knoweth best; He cannot err; He doeth all things well. Let us never question His wisdom or doubt His love.

PEKING, November 21, 1874.

MY DEAR FRIENDS:—In this letter I will give you some account of myself. I do so at Mr. McCoy's suggestion. At the age of twelve I entered the mission school. The missionaries have been very instructive in the Christian religion. They have also furnished me the means to pay my board and to employ a teacher in our native classics, in common with the other students in the school. At fourteen I had gained some knowledge of the truth. It was then I was converted and professed my faith in the Lord. I received baptism and entered the church. Since then I have been trying to walk the heavenly road. It is now four years since I first entered the church. During these years I think I have been making progress in the knowledge of the truth. I am longing for the day when I shall be fully trained for the work of the gospel ministry, that I may carry the "glad tidings" to multitudes of my lost fellow-countrymen. But I am sorry to say that my health is not very good. For many months I have been suffering from a severe cough, and I sometimes fear it is deeply seated on my lungs. My father and mother are both growing old and are quite infirm, and the thought that I am their only son, and so unable to help them, often causes me anxiety and sorrow. But when I reflect how good the heavenly Father has been to me, in giving me to understand the true way, my sorrow is greatly lessened, and I am not overcome by it.

I may say a word of the work of the church in this city. The church is at peace. A beautiful spirit of harmony prevails among the members. The work of preaching the truth as it is in Christ at the new chapel, of which I wrote you last year, has been carried forward, and good results have attended it. Very many have come to hear the "old, old story" of the cross, and some have received the truth in the love of it. If the work is not as prosperous as could be desired, neither is it languishing. It is safe to say it has met with at least a medium degree of success. The church has only recently been planted here, and if its condition is not so flourishing as in some other provinces of China, where the gospel has long been preached, it still does flourish. My thoughts

are much on these things, and I would have you all pray anew for this, that the church in Peking may reach the very highest growth, that God may thereby be glorified, and his believing children be comforted. This is what I desire to see. Amen. I send greeting to you all.

Very respectfully yours,

LIEN FENG.

PERSIA.

REV. W. R. STOCKING.

OROOMIAH, December 8, 1874.

THE mountain schools are a long way from Oroomiah, and our communication with them is very difficult and uncertain. Since I came to Persia three years ago, I have three times visited the most distant portion of our mountain field. But I assure you that it is a most difficult journey, and one that requires much strength, fortitude and patience. The first time I went straight through the mountains, taking my wife and Miss Katie Cochran with me. Although the roads were so very difficult, we had a most delightful journey as far as Mosul; but after leaving Mosul and going north across the plain of the Tigris, we and all our attendants were prostrated by the heat. . . .

Hassan in Botan is quite romantically situated on a little spur of the mountain, near a gorge, from which the rocks rise almost perpendicularly, and down which a mountain torrent of clear water rushes on to join the Tigris, fifteen miles distant. Hassan has a church of thirty-four members, cared for by their good pastor, Mar Yusep (Bishop Joseph). The school there, which I think I shall have to assign to the "Riverside Band," has been taught by "Jessamine" and "Miriam," an interesting account of whom you will find in a little book, "The Day Breaking," published by the A. B. C. F. M., Boston, 1870. Afterwards it was taught by Ségo (a nephew of Mar Yusep and Miriam), who, by the way, has just been here on a visit, and has gone back to marry

Jessamine, and to be located in "Marakha," a village on the mountain side, where there is a little church of twelve members. They will teach a school there this winter, and I think the "Lake Forest Band" may consider them and their school as their special charge. I will try to get a letter from them for the band, and will write something about their village and work at a future time. So they must be patient for several months, but they can meanwhile pray for Ségo and Jessamine and their school and work in "Marakha." But to return to Hassan. Last winter the school there was taught by Is-kak (Isaac), a young man from the same village, who has been studying at the seminary here, and who is here again this winter for that purpose. I have asked him to write a letter about his school last winter, which I will send with this. I do not now know who is teaching the school there this winter, but hope to hear before a great while. Perhaps the band would like to know that Miriam has been married several years to a young man of the village, who has since become a church member, and that they have a little boy. The church members in Hassan are very warm-hearted, earnest Christians. Last year, when a young man came among them and made great inducements for them to go into the silk-growing business, they refused to engage in that profitable work till he had assured them that they need not prepare the food for the silk worms on the Sabbath, but do it on Saturday. I have another letter from another school, which I will send as soon as I can find time to translate it.

TRANSLATION OF ISAAC'S LETTER.

Much love and peace for you and your lady, honored Mrs. Stocking. The school in Hassan Botan last year began in October, and closed in March, being in session more than four months. There were in it from eighteen to twenty boys, and ten or twelve girls. The first class in the school in the morning (of course after prayer) was of boys reading the ancient Syriac, the text book being the Scriptures. Arithmetic came next. The second class read ancient and modern Syriac, and the small arithmetic

(*i. e.* mental). The third class, modern Syriac. Of the girls, the first class read the Old Testament in the modern language, and the mental arithmetic; second class, the New Testament; third class. primer. Every day there was an exercise in the Catechism. The sessions were six hours each day. The school read in the school room till the snow came in such quantities that the roof fell in. Afterwards they read in my house till vacation. The boys and girls each used to bring a stick of wood for the fire when they assembled evenings. They used to assemble in one of the houses for prayer till the mud became so deep they could not walk in the strects. Remain in peace! Amen.

From your loving

ISAAC OF HASSAN, BOTAN.

PERSIA.

THIEVES BURIED ALIVE.

[Translated from the "Rays of Light," by Mrs. S. J. Rhea.]

A NUMBER of thieves were banded together in the neighborhood of the Barandooz river, Oroomiah. They committed their depredations by night; but at length they became so daring they would send word by day to people that if they didn't give them $50 or $60, as the case might be, they would assault their houses at night and kill them. Many persons sent them money, being terrified, till at last they grew so bold they would come into houses by day, and eat and drink to drunkenness, and would bind the people of the house to the pillars, and take from them money, as much as they wished. Quite a number of men were killed by their hands. The serfs of some of the villages of Shapee Khan. the son of the prince, were so greatly tormented by them, they determined to desert their villages and flee. Shapee Khan then assembled a band of his followers around him, with a crowd of the village people, and pursuing after the robbers, shut them in a narrow mountain pass. There they caught four of them, whom they brought to the city, and committed to the governor, General

Ardashir Khan. After tormenting them some days in the prison, one of them having escaped, the other three were buried alive, one before each of the gates of the city—one of them on his feet, only his head appearing, the other two with their heads downward, from their knees appearing above. They were built around with brick and mortar. They mixed the mortar and poured it over them till they were smothered and strangled. They remained thus for six days, a terror to all beholders. How true, "the wages of sin is death," both in this world and the world to come.

PERSIA.

Miss Mary Jewett.

A CALL FOR WORKERS IN PERSIA.

We need help here in Persia, oh, so much! There is no single lady in Teheran, where there is very much to be done, and great need for two young ladies. Miss Dean is breaking down under the weight of work she is unable to perform. The last news from Oroomiah said that she was lying on the bed, not able to be in school. In Oroomiah there is a great, extensive and promising —an opening and widening—work among the women, among Nestorians and Mussulmans; a work among the Mussulman women and children, in which I was engaged while there, and which I was very sorry to leave, but it seemed that Providence called me here. One or two young ladies are wanted there. I need an associate here. My work is growing. I shall soon have more than I can do. . . . If only one young lady should come out the next year, I think she should go to Oroomiah to help Miss Dean. I want some one here with me who can sing, and who would love to teach the people to sing. It would be a great help. . . . Again, our work is one that calls us to an increased and continual study of the Bible, for we must know and love the truths therein contained ourselves, before we can teach them to others, and it is our refuge in times of loneliness, of disappointment, or of sorrow. There we find never-failing comfort and strength.

Home Work.

TAKE HEART!

How fares your Woman's Missionary Society? The cold winter, the panic and the grasshoppers have retrenched many good things; have they affected *that?* Does your work seem hard, up-hill? Has the love of any waxed cold? Some of your letters show just a little shade of discouragement in alluding to your own society—its smallness in numbers and lack of rapid growth; and your heart is sometimes faint, and your feeble hands hang down. I would say to you, and all like you laboring in this cause, in every time of weakness, doubt and fear, "Trust ye in the Lord, forever; for in the Lord Jehovah, is everlasting strength!"

"Survey the wondrous cross!" *Who* died there? *Why?* The cause can never fail. "Underneath are the everlasting arms," "and no weapon formed against it shall prosper." It must and will prevail. Whether or not multitudes flock to the standard of Christ to-day in your immediate neighborhood, there is a constant increase, a bold advance all along the line. The chariot wheels move, and soon the pealing anthem will fill heaven and earth; you and I who have toiled after Him, often weary and footsore, will hear it. "Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in!" He shall come in. Come, Lord Jesus, oh, come quickly! Our hearts long even to breaking for Thy glorious and triumphant coming. Thou who hast so often and urgently invited us with that sweet word "Come!" we do now invite thee, "Come, oh come!"

My dear friends and former associates, Mr. and Mrs. Coan, of Persia, have just arrived in America. Our reunion after all these years is delightful, but most of all it cheers me to hear from them of the progress of the work in our beloved field. The spirit of earnest inquiry among Mohammedans even, who are yet shut out by the death penalty if they change their religion, is truly wonderful. There never was such encourage-

ment for taking heart of grace, to all who bear aloft the blood-stained banner. Faith almost turns to sight.

"Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise!"

Oh, for a thousand lives and a thousand tongues, to teach pagans and Mohammedans the truths of our blessed religion! Don't you long to be in the thickest of this fight with such a triumphant "Captain of our salvation," going before and leading on conquering and to conquer? Don't you wish you and I were young and could go out and fill those yet vacant places in Persia? No one among all the thousands of Israel says, "Here am I." Ah, we have need of great humiliation, self-searching and prayer, when we think of our Zion at home. The dear Lord give us new baptism, and help us to take heart of grace! S. J. R.

IT IS A WORKING CIRCLE.

Is it a lifetime's employment for each of us to build beyond the skies? Are all needed, all laborers accepted? Is the work so great that no moments need be lost? It seems to me as I sit and look over this year (the second of the life of this missionary circle), that these are memorable Fridays. They come before my vision to-day like some bright spots, almost like an oasis in the desert of life. Haven't we, my dear sisters, been building high? Haven't we gone very near the great Architect and said, "Give us work?" Haven't we desired to be co-workers with Him? Yes, co-workers with Christ in the great work for which He came to earth. Have we not seen enduring monuments in our hope as crowns of our rejoicing? Oh, the foretaste of the reward of the unselfish builder for Christ! Just the desire in some way, to build for Him, lifts us beyond the vanities of this life, and gives us to feel that our feeblest efforts in this direction are the only things that have been worth living for, and as we cannot be builders for Christ, without a love for just the work that binds us to this mission band, may we

not say, God bless this work? May we not gather renewed strength at our meetings, so that we can carry into our lives this desire to be builders, and may we also teach by our lives our firm belief that there is a building not made with hands, eternal in the heavens? With the magnitude of this work before us, I cannot speak of accomplishments to-day, but of our beginnings. I do not forget your prayers. I do not forget the little offerings you have brought with you. I can never tell what any of these sums in the hand of God has done, or may do; impossible. He knows. . . .

BELVIDERE.

NEW AUXILIARIES.

Grand Rapids, Mich., "Twinkling Stars."
Decatur, Mich., W. M. S.
La Porte, Ind., Mission Circle.
Rockville, Ind., Shah Band.
Bloomington, Ind., Young Ladies' Circle.
Bloomington, Ill., Mission Circle of 2d Pres. Ch.
Dwight, Ill., Band "Myrrh Bearers."
Dwight, Ill., Circle "Lambs of the Fold."
Belvidere, Ill., Young People's Auxiliary.
Lexington, Ill., W. M. S.
Mt. Vernon, Iowa, W. M. S.
Farley, Iowa, W. M. S.
Independence, Iowa, Morning Star Band,
Blairstown, Iowa, Repka Band.
Fond du Lac, Wis., W. M. S.
Neenah, Wis., W. M. S.
Lawrence, Kansas, W. M. S.
Lawrence, Kansas, Little Pioneer Band.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS.

Mrs. Nerissa Bushnell,
Mrs. Susannah F. Warren,
Mrs. W. H. Simpson,
Mrs. Amy C. Weyer,
Mrs. John G. Leving,
Mrs. J. C. McClintock,
Mrs. R. F. Sample,
Mrs. Ben-Ezra S. Ely,
Mrs. C. C. Peck,
Mrs. A. L. Wightman,
Mrs. C. F. James,
Mrs. O. N. Denise,
Mrs. S. B. White,
Mrs. J. Cruikshanks,
Mrs. E. C. Campbell,
Mrs. M. L. Rodgers,
Mrs. Thomas Blair,
Mrs. Warren Pierce,
Mrs. Louisa W. Ryers,
Mrs. Robert A. King,
Mrs. J. M. Cockins,
Mrs. M. R. Findley,
Miss Elmira Jones,
Miss Betsy Rankin,
Miss Mary C. Williams,
Miss Grace Fuller,
Miss Grace Ball,
Miss Minnie Gillett,
Miss Anna T. Ballantine,
Miss Flora Dunlap.

Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest, for March, 1875.

Chicago, 2d Ch., for Miss Calhoun's salary, . . $138 76
Indianapolis, Ind., 1st Ch., for support of Martha, a Bible reader, Mynpurie, India, . 43 40
Society, Independence, Iowa, Persian Band of 1st Ch., for Miss Jewett's school at Tabreez, Persia, . . 30 00
Detroit, Mich., Young Ladies' Benevolent Soc. of Fort St. Ch., $400, for sup. of Mrs. Wilson among the Laos, and $50 for printing press for Dr. and Mrs. McGilvary among the Laos, . . 450 00
Mrs. W. D. Knowlton, for Foreign Mission debt, . 1 00
Young Peoples' Miss. Soc., Wheatland, Iowa, $30, and Woman's Miss. Soc., $20, for part of Miss Jewett's salary, Tabreez, . . 50 00
Independence, Iowa, 1st Ch., towards support of Miss Pratt, ... 85 00
Independence, Iowa, Morning Star Band, for scholarship in Tabreez school, Persia, . 30 00
Society, Clinton, Iowa, . . 40 00
Society, Grand Haven, Mich., for Japan, ... 164 27
Society, Burlington, Iowa, 1st Ch., ... 55 00
Society, Hopkinton, Iowa, Retrenchment Fund for Persia, ... 43 44
Society, Frankfort, Indiana, 56 43
Society, Battle Creek, Michigan, for Teheran, Persia, . 50 00
Society, Minneapolis, Minn., towards sup. of Miss Downing, Chefoo, China, . . 75 00
Society, Chicago, 2d Ch., for land in Tabreez for school, 343 00
Society, Chicago, 1st Ch., for Persia, ... 236 50
Society, Lincoln, Ill., for Persia, ... 12 00
Society, Franklin, Mich., for education of a child in Miss Dean's school, . . . 30 00
Society, Moline, Ill., . . 1 50
Evanston, Ill., Young Ladies' Soc., ... 150 00
Society, Champaign, Ill., for support of a school in Brazil, ... $35 65
Society, Sterling, Ill., . . 37 00
Detroit, Mich., by Mrs. Susannah F. Warren, . 20 00
Society, Evanston, Ill., for Miss Bacon's salary, . . 100 00
Society, Southport, Ind., . 35 00
Society, Lake Forest, Ill., for Tabreez, ... 5 00
A Friend to Missions, . . 25
Des Moines, Iowa, W. M. S. of 1st Ch., $35, Central Park Ch., $26, and J. W. Gill Mission Band, $11, for Miss S. Dougherty's salary, . 72 00
Society, Chicago, 3d Ch., for Mrs. Kelso's salary, . 114 00
Society, Chicago, 3d Ch., Cheerful Givers, for Bresi, Bible reader with Mrs. Kelso, ... 19 60
Society, Chicago, 1st Ch., for Miss Morrison's salary, . 93 06
Detroit, Mich., Westminster Band, for School Buildings at Teheran, $50; for support of Mussulman girl in Miss Dean's school, $30, . 80 00
Lexington, Ill., from Miss Anna C. Poor, $2, Miss S. E. Vance, $2, for Laos Bible, ... 4 00
Society, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for Miss Jewett's salary, . 50 00
Delphos, Ind., Mrs. Wm. Fuller, $1, Mrs. E. S. Scott, $1, for work in Mexico, . . 2 00
Dubuque, Iowa, Aux. Soc., $9 55, for Miss Jewett's salary, ... 35 55
Logansport, Ind., Sana Aux. Soc., ... 21 00
Society, Madison, Ind., 1st Ch., ... 65 00
Society, Mechanicsville, Iowa, 15 00
Society, Michigan City, Young Ladies' Miss Band, $20, and W. M. S., $11, . . . 31 00
Bloomington, Ill., 1st Ch., for Persia, ... 33 45
Bloomington, Ind., Walnut St. Ch., ... 55 00

Valparaiso, Ind., Miss. Band, Willing Workers, for Miss Jewett's school in Tabreez,	$50 00
Grand Haven, Mich., Misses Miss. Band, for Japan,	100 00
Society, Onarga, Ill.,	15 00
Princeville, Ill., Pres. Ch. Soc., for Elizabeth, a teacher in Miss Walsh's school, Allahabad, India,	28 75
Society, Greenwood, Ind.,	26 75
Society, Chicago, Fullerton av. Ch., $34 25; Grace Ch., for support of Peles, wife of Parbor, Persia, $25; 2d Ch., by Mrs. C. C. Peck, sup. of a child in Miss Downing's school, Chefoo, China,	84 25
Society, Marysville, Ohio,	55 50
Lake Forest, Ill., Young Ladies, Miss. Soc., for sup. of two Persian schools,	40 00
Rockford, Ill.,	32 25
Lima, Ind., by Mrs. S. P. Williams,	25 00
Louisville, Ky., Warren Ch.,	33 00
Franklin, Ind., for salary of Mrs. Dr. Warren,	75 00
Livonia, Ind., by P. O. Wright,	1 00
Belvidere, Ind.,	30 00
Moline, Ill., Mrs. D. Crosby,	2 00
Society, Mankato, Minn., for Miss Downing's salary, $75; sup. of pupil in Miss Downing's school, $10,	85 00
Society, Rochester, Minn., for Miss Downing's salary, $22 80; general fund, $5 50.	28 30
Society, Southfield, Mich., scholarship in Miss J. Dean's school, Persia,	32 00
Society, Vernon, Ind.,	23 00
Society, Hanover, Ind.,	17 70
Society, Greenville, Ind.,	2 00
Society, Clarence, Iowa,	14 00
Society, Marshalltown, Iowa.	25 00
Society, Quincy, Ill., for Tabreez, Persia,	175 00
Society, Blairstown, Iowa,	10 00
Society, Waukegan, Ill., for the Hopetown native colony, Dehra Doon, India,	69 60
Society, Cedar Falls, Iowa, towards sup. of Miss Pratt.	30 00
Ypsilanti, Mich., W. M. Soc., for Miss Dean, $61 70; Mission Circle, for Miss Dean, $11 70; India workers for Isac, in Dr. Calderwood's school, India, $15,	$88 40
Society, Northville, Mich., for sup. of Martha Dubrees, in Miss Dean's school,	22 70
Dunlap, Ill., from Miss E. J., to constitute Miss F. D., a life member,	25 00
Society, Rock, Island, Ill.,	41 00
Woman's Working Assoc. of 1st Ch., Corning, Iowa, for education of Foo Sing, at Miss Downing's school, Chefoo, China,	50 00
Society of Lawrence, Kansas, to constitute Mrs. J. M. Cockins a life member,	25 00
Peoria, Ill., Pres. Aux. Soc.,	153 40
Omro, Wis., part payment of life membership of Mrs. Albert Frank,	21 40
Society of La Crosse, Wis., to aid in building the Chinese Woman's Home in San Francisco, Cal.,	17 60
Nebraska City, Neb., W. M. Soc. of 1st Pres. Ch., $72 34; Mary Gregory Band S. S., $8 82,	81 16
Society, Stony Creek, Michigan,	30 00
Society, Ann Arbor, Mich., for sup. of Mrs. Thompson, Zacatecas, Mexico,	37 00
Society, 1st Ch., Chicago, for Miss Calhoun's salary,	37 40
Society of Vassar, Mich.,	10 50
Society, Joliet, Ill., for Miss Dascomb,	18 00
From the "Little Reapers" 2d Ch., St. Louis, for scholarship, with Mrs. Dr. Warren, India,	10 25
Leaflets, hymn books and atlas,	19 02
Total receipts for March,	$4,806 79
Total receipts from April, 1, 1874, to April 1, 1875,	$18,033 36

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